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Highlights

- Pay for all hired workers in the Delta region (Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi) averaged \$8.52 per hour during the July 9-15, 2006 survey week, up 67 cents from the comparable period a year earlier.
- Bolivar county's 5-year average cotton yield of 918 pounds per acre was the highest average yield in Mississippi during the 2001-2005 period. Sharkey county had the second highest yield during this period, followed by Coahoma county.
- United States farmed-raised catfish average 81.2 cents per pound during July 2006, up 8.9 cents from a year ago and the highest monthly average price received since official records began.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States July 9-15, 2006 with Comparisons ¹

Farm Employment	July 10-16, 2005	April 9-15, 2006	July 9-15, 2006
	1,000		
Hired Workers	936	720 *	875
150 Days or More	662	581 *	630
149 Days or Less	274	139 *	245
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	408	241 *	327
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,344	961 *	1,202
	Hours Per Week		
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	40.6	40.8	40.9
	Dollars Per Hour		
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{2 3}	9.38	9.78 *	9.74
Field & Livestock Combined	8.78	9.06 *	9.10
Field	8.61	8.95 *	8.95
Livestock	9.26	9.31 *	9.56

* Revised.

¹ Excludes Alaska.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

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**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Region and United States, July 10-16, 2005 and July 9-15, 2006 ¹**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006
Dollars Per Hour								
Northeast I	8.88	9.28	9.55	9.57	9.11	9.38	9.70	9.95
Northeast II	8.71	9.26	9.37	9.03	8.90	9.20	9.79	9.90
Appalachian I	8.44	9.14	8.53	9.18	8.46	9.15	9.03	9.64
Appalachian II	8.46	8.64	8.19	9.63	8.30	9.07	8.68	9.56
Southeast	8.39	8.21	8.85	8.05	8.51	8.18	8.91	8.68
Florida	8.75	8.39	9.15	9.10	8.81	8.48	9.70	9.40
Lake	8.66	9.37	9.52	9.72	8.97	9.50	9.66	10.22
Cornbelt I	9.20	9.46	8.77	9.28	9.10	9.40	9.56	10.14
Cornbelt II	8.86	9.85	9.14	10.15	9.05	10.00	9.56	10.40
Delta	7.59	8.06	7.80	9.03	7.65	8.36	7.85	8.52
Northern Plains	8.15	8.94	9.49	9.92	8.60	9.28	9.05	9.60
Southern Plains	8.07	8.53	9.06	9.12	8.50	8.75	9.27	9.38
Mountain I	8.39	8.41	8.51	9.06	8.44	8.74	8.79	9.14
Mountain II	8.62	8.33	8.49	8.89	8.58	8.55	9.20	9.34
Mountain III	7.90	7.55	8.11	9.10	7.98	8.12	8.53	8.70
Pacific	8.60	9.50	10.67	11.06	8.80	9.59	9.21	10.15
California	8.76	8.98	10.66	10.90	9.00	9.20	9.68	9.96
Hawaii ²	10.00	10.26			10.05	10.38	11.76	12.31
United States ³	8.61	8.95	9.26	9.56	8.78	9.10	9.38	9.74

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data for livestock.

³ Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region
and United States, July 10-16, 2005 and July 9-15, 2006 ¹**

United States and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed				Number of Hours Worked	
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006	Jul 10-16, 2005	Jul 9-15, 2006
1,000								
Hours Per Week								
Appalachian I	38	40	25	28	13	12	34.6	37.1
Appalachian II	24	27	17	15	7	12	31.4	34.3
Southeast	44	41	30	30	14	11	37.5	38.3
Florida	41	43	39	38	2	5	41.3	41.0
Delta	24	30	19	24	5	6	38.0	40.0
Southern Plains	63	53	47	38	16	15	36.5	37.6
United States ²	936	875	662	630	274	245	40.6	40.9

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes Alaska.

Cotton Average Yields: 2001-2005

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (lbs)
Bolivar	5	918
Coahoma	5	902
Quitman	5	846
Tallahatchie	5	832
Tunica	5	840
District 10	5	879
Calhoun	5	802
DeSoto	1	856
Grenada	2	831
Lafayette	3	751
Panola	5	808
Tate	5	896
Yalobusha	5	891
District 20	5	831
District 30	5	670
Humphreys	5	898
Issaquena	5	862
Leflore	5	893
Sharkey	5	906
Sunflower	5	836
Washington	5	878
Yazoo	5	862
District 40	5	876

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (lbs)
Attala	5	842
Carroll	5	891
Holmes	5	881
Madison	5	811
Montgomery	5	857
Rankin	5	761
Webster	5	867
District 50	5	862
Chickasaw	3	687
Lowndes	4	652
Monroe	5	666
Noxubee	5	829
District 60	5	695
Hinds	5	737
Jefferson	5	841
Warren	5	810
District 70	5	809
Other Districts	5	652
State Average	5	856

The Agency did not publish a yield for every county each year. Whenever publication of county yields would reveal individual data, publication was suspended.

Rice Average Yields: 2001-2005

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (lbs)
Bolivar	5	6,673
Coahoma	5	6,552
Quitman	5	6,322
Tallahatchie	5	6,368
Tunica	5	6,512
District 10	5	6,569
Panola	2	6,263
District 20	4	6,252
Humphreys	5	6,469
Leflore	5	6,724
Sharkey	5	7,020
Sunflower	5	6,431
Washington	5	6,997
District 40	5	6,694
Other Districts	5	6,528
State Average	5	6,611

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Mississippi Catfish County Estimates, 2004-2006 ¹

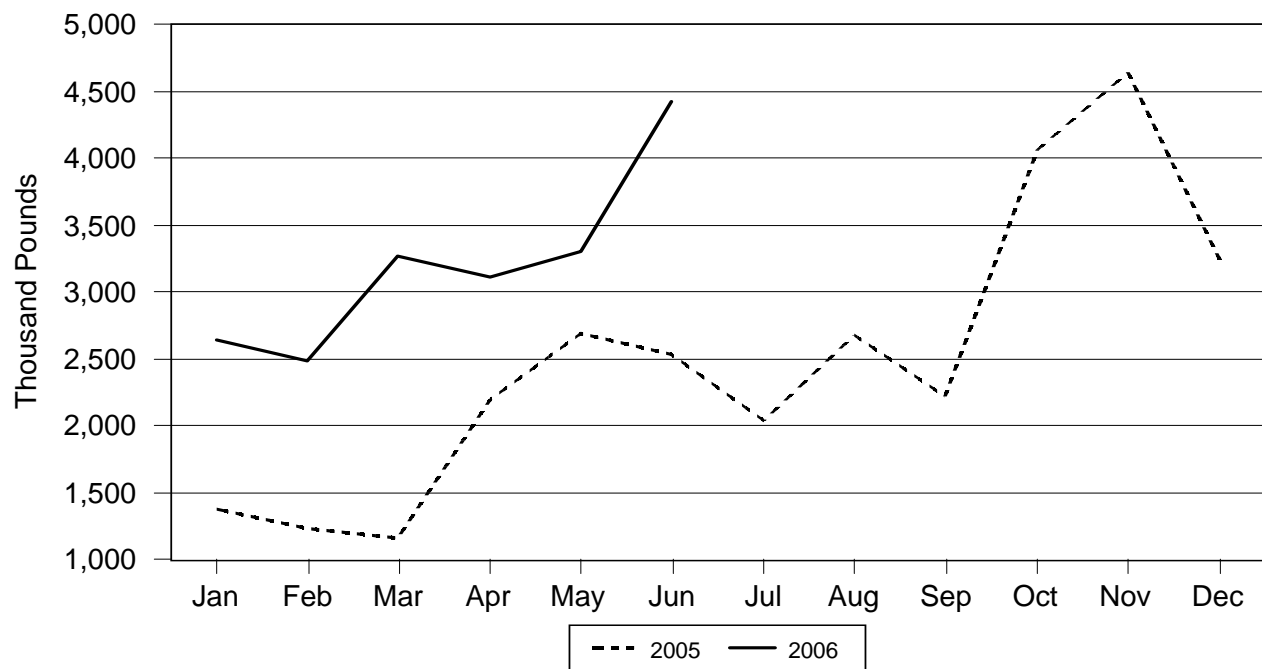
County	Total Water Surface Acres Used for Production ² Jan 1 - Jun 30		Foodsize Sales			
			Live Weight		Total Sales	
	2005	2006	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Pounds		Dollars	
District 10	5,700	5,800	28,060,000	23,250,000	18,513,000	16,700,000
Humphreys	20,600	22,600	76,500,000	65,948,000	49,725,000	46,210,000
Leflore	17,800	15,600	66,200,000	61,400,000	45,479,000	45,879,000
Sunflower	24,700	24,300	75,500,000	72,000,000	50,700,000	51,539,000
Washington	6,600	6,900	29,100,000	26,200,000	19,358,000	18,569,000
Yazoo	5,600	5,200	19,600,000	18,000,000	12,786,000	12,984,000
Other Counties	4,800	3,300	12,600,000	6,500,000	8,311,000	4,630,000
District 40	80,100	77,900	279,500,000	250,048,000	186,359,000	179,811,000
District 50	900	800	*	*	*	*
Chickasaw	1,050	1,050	5,750,000	5,000,000	3,665,000	3,445,000
Lowndes	1,600	1,900	10,600,000	11,100,000	6,802,000	7,508,000
Noxubee	7,600	6,700	39,900,000	37,000,000	25,815,000	24,717,000
Other Counties	3,550	4,450	21,550,000	19,230,000	13,225,000	13,075,000
District 60	13,800	14,100	77,800,000	72,330,000	49,507,000	48,745,000
Other Districts	500	400	2,640,000	2,372,000	1,701,000	1,824,000
State Total	101,000	99,000	388,000,000	348,000,000	256,080,000	247,080,000

¹ Estimates for operations with ponds in more than one county are included in the county where the farm's headquarters is located.

² Total water surface acres include acres used for broodfish, foodfish and fingerling production.

* Included in Other Districts.

United States Catfish Imports, Monthly, 2005-2006



**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, July 2005-2006**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,686	2,716	1.58	1.72	146	173
Fillets ¹	4,714	4,279	2.84	3.18	482	581
Other ²	1,097	863	1.72	1.86	117	177
Total Fresh	8,497	7,858	2.30	2.53	745	931
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,021	954	2.00	2.24	739	716
Fillets ¹	9,563	9,471	2.70	3.01	8,019	3,849
Other ²	4,648	3,800	1.45	1.67	3,364	3,073
Total Frozen	15,232	14,225	2.27	2.60	12,122	7,638
Total Fresh & Frozen	23,729	22,083	2.28	2.58	12,867	8,569

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

**United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers
by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2005-2006**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Per Pound ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,856	49,666	53,856	49,666	.725	.726	1,383	2,644
February	51,720	49,145	105,576	98,811	.731	.729	1,230	2,491
March	57,117	56,315	162,693	155,126	.733	.745	1,161	3,267
April	50,306	43,185	212,999	198,311	.725	.785	2,198	3,119
May	51,552	42,865	264,551	241,176	.722	.796	2,695	3,306
June	49,626	41,214	314,177	282,390	.721	.807	2,538	4,424
July	47,241	45,582	361,418	327,972	.723	.812	2,048	
August	50,686		412,104		.724		2,684	
September	47,151		459,255		.724		2,219	
October	49,034		508,289		.724		4,062	
November	46,674		554,963		.724		4,648	
December	45,707		600,670		.726		3,239	

¹ Price for fish delivered to the processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish, Mississippi and United States, 2005-2006

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	2,622	1,169	45	6,265	5,103	81
February	1,895	773	41	6,334	3,970	63
March	6,604	7,980	121	17,917	20,048	112
April	19,759	24,335	123	43,583	52,246	120
May	39,046	37,972	97	81,591	80,433	99
June	55,981	54,484	97	115,370	112,326	97
July	55,039	60,023	109	113,086	121,527	107
August	63,637			132,347		
September	59,346			119,788		
October	29,813			64,188		
November	7,809			20,553		
December	687			4,449		

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,
Mississippi and United States, 2005-2006

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	196	191	97	287	469	163
February	153	134	88	205	367	179
March	405	505	125	715	1,381	193
April	1,136	1,084	95	1,623	2,200	136
May	1,864	2,305	124	2,796	3,181	114
June	3,639	5,265	145	4,787	6,265	131
July	5,444	8,319	153	6,797	9,754	144
August	8,297			10,569		
September	4,382			5,148		
October	2,022			3,148		
November	669			1,189		
December	80			226		

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, August 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Unit	June 2006 ¹	July 2006 ¹	August 2006 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollar per Pound	0.477	0.471	0.472
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	635	641	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	8.11	8.16	8.19
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	13,168	11,837	NA

¹ Entire month.² Based on purchases for the first half of the month.³ Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States - AL, AZ, AR, CA, GA, LA, MS, NC, TN, and TX.⁴ Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, August 1, 2005-2006

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,692	12,508	99	5,577	5,371	96
East North Central	9,153	9,188	100	6,917	6,368	92
West North Central	24,404	23,526	96	7,207	6,776	94
South Atlantic	238,363	243,475	102	4,102	3,377	82
South Central	353,295	346,003	98	6,444	5,289	82
West	26,180	25,430	97	6,383	4,197	66
United States	664,087	660,130	99	36,630	31,378	86

July Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000		Million Eggs		Million Eggs	
Alabama	9,220	8,562	37	36	138	133
Arkansas	14,414	13,976	97	95	191	176
Florida	11,080	10,813	242	233	8	7
Georgia	18,919	18,569	224	209	176	177
Mississippi	6,855	6,361	38	40	102	92
North Carolina	10,932	10,718	80	80	138	140
South Carolina	5,037	5,018	81	87	22	19
Virginia	3,325	3,159	37	30	37	33
United States	338,573	341,047	6,444	6,558	1,120	1,085

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in U S totals.

July Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	During July			January-July		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	116,085	115,628	100	778,954	794,128	102
Arkansas	112,523	108,898	97	786,276	769,748	98
Florida	5,068	5,007	99	34,026	34,209	101
Georgia	121,744	127,517	105	843,210	865,040	103
Kentucky	25,826	25,776	100	178,994	178,029	99
Mississippi	72,443	66,492	92	496,347	466,148	94
North Carolina	66,046	67,743	103	465,197	471,056	101
Texas	56,826	54,443	96	387,284	382,556	99
United States	808,382	800,132	99	5,567,659	5,540,181	100

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, August 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	August 2005 Entire Month		July 2006 Entire Month		August 2006 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	1.95	---	2.14	---	2.03
Cotton, Upland	lb	.398	.421	.455	.471	.455 ¹	.472 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.69	---	4.62	---	4.11
Soybeans	bu	6.08	6.15	5.76	5.61	5.57	5.24
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.16	---	3.82	---	3.81
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	6.58	---	8.16	---	8.19
All Milk	cwt	---	14.80	---	11.80	---	11.90
Fluid	cwt	---	14.80	---	11.80	---	11.90
Manufacturing	cwt	---	13.80	---	10.80	---	11.00
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	84.40	---	86.10	---	87.70
Cows	cwt	---	51.40	---	46.60	---	46.90
Calves	cwt	---	133.00	---	136.00	---	134.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	87.70	---	90.40	---	91.80
All Hogs	cwt	---	51.00	---	50.20	---	51.60
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	51.60	---	51.10	---	52.50
Sows	cwt	---	38.60	---	32.00	---	33.60
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.440	---	.400	---	.420
Market Eggs	doz	.270 ²	.266 ²	.230 ²	.248 ²	.380	.388

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month prices.